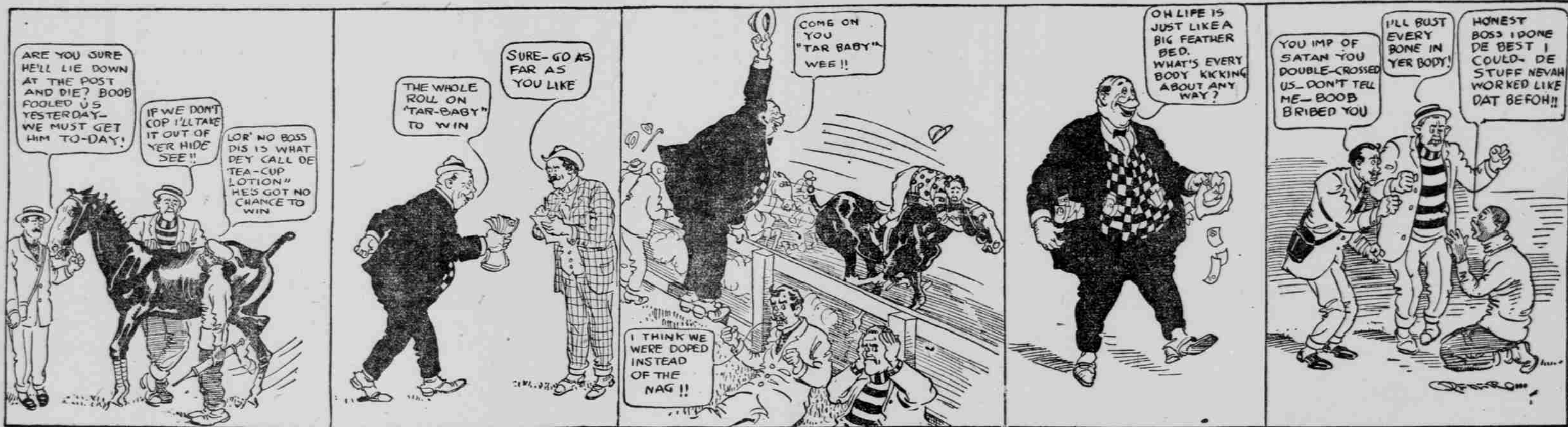


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Gans Was Sick Man Before Last Fights; Professionals Kill Game

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Geers a Hero At Detroit; Dudie Archdale a New Find

By Bert E. Collyer, Turt Editor Chicago American

TWO BRILLIANT TENNIS PLAYERS



San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 20.—With the passing of Joe Gans, the prize ring lost a man who will probably be remembered for his cleverness as long as the sport of the gloves is regarded with favor. Gans was not what you might call a natural fighter. He wasn't given to hooking and swinging, or teazing in towards an opponent with lowered head. He stood for all that was clever in sparring.

When at work his temper was never inflamed. He was coolness itself, and he judged every offensive and defensive tactic to a nicety. He seldom struck at his man unless there was an opening, and he was well within striking distance, and by the same token he seldom missed the mark. After delivering a blow successfully he was certain to note the effect of it, and if there was anyone among latter day boxers who reduced the game of the ring to a science, Gans was the man.

Before his strength began to wane—and with his strength naturally his rapidity of movement and precision in hitting—it was a rare treat to see Joe Gans in action.

I know of more than one resident of San Francisco who used to say: "I have no particular liking for fighting, but I always go to see Gans box."

His gracefulness and his effectiveness were a revelation, even to those who did not pretend to understand the intricacies of leading and blocking. Above all he was never cruel. When ever Gans had his man in a bad way, the look on his face plainly told that he invited interference from some quarter. It would be interesting to know just when the dread disease, consumption,

first fastened its grip upon Gans. It seems to me the Gans' lungs were affected earlier than many supposed. It was the nature of the man to conceal any physical shortcomings and I know that for many years Joe rebelled strongly at the rumors and suggestions that he was afflicted with tuberculosis.

The trying campaign in Goldfield, when in accordance with eleven hour demand he was compelled to reduce himself to skin and bone almost, to make weight for Battling Nelson, probably developed the disease that was lurking in his system. Gans never made much of a fight after that. Whatever victories he scored were simply on account of the superior class. He had his opponents awed and utter lack of confidence helped towards their defeat as much as the punishment they received from Gans. If Rudy Unholz, for instance, had not been reduced to a condition of bewilderment by Joe's timely taps and baffling tactics, he might have done what Battling Nelson accomplished later.

Without wishing to besmudge Nelson's reputation as a world's buster in the slightest, candor compels expression of the opinion that Gans was a consumptive when he went down before Nelson's aggressive milling in July, 1905, and again in September of the same year. It will be remembered by any one who attends either of the contests in question, and who watched closely for developments, that Gans was practically fought out before the first round of either affair was finished. He went back to his angle of the ring with his eyes glassy and lips parted, as if fighting for breath. In one of the fights—the last, I think—he was shiv-

ering as though with ague many rounds before the end came. Gans will be pleasantly remembered on account of his personality, apart from his fighting ability. He was a mild-mannered fellow and always approachable. If anything, he was too deferential. The majority of fighters reserve the privilege of being impatient with what might be called crank questions, especially while in training. It was not in Joe, apparently, to be cross with anybody. He had a soft word for everyone who spoke to him.

Some of the critics have been taking stock of the pugilists in commission and deploring the scarcity of capable material. Some are wondering how the dedicated classes are to be filled again, and the query is a difficult one to find an answer for.

Here in San Francisco it is the lament of hundreds of clubmen that professional boxers have killed amateur boxing. This seems to be a true bill. As long as the local clubs fostered the amateur phase of the sport, the professional ring gained no reputation as a world's buster. Some of the best amateur boxers of the world were produced by the clubs of San Francisco. Anyone who thinks for an instant of questioning this had better stop and ask how Jim Corbett, Joe Choynski, Sam Berger, Jimmy Britt, Eddie Hanlon, Al Kaufman and Abe Attell came from the ranks of the amateurs. They were the products of the clubs, and there were others, too, whose names have temporarily escaped the writers' memory.

In killing amateur boxing, therefore, the professional sport seems in considerable danger of killing itself, as it has no source from which to draw new material.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 20.—The Blue Ribbon meeting just brought to a close at Detroit was among other things remarkable for gameness displayed by man and beast. Probably no other feat was so remarkably outstanding as that of "Pop" Geers, the veteran dean of reinsman, who, although forced to walk with the assistance of a crutch and cane, mounted the saddle behind "The Harvester," "The Abbe" and the M. & M. winner, "Dudie Archdale." The ovation tendered the "Silent Man" on his return to the stand after winning the classic C. of C. and later the M. & M. will long be remembered by those who were privileged to see the homage paid. Geers, it will be remembered, was injured at Grand Rapids, to such an extent that it was at first thought he would not be able to team his charges during the remainder of the summer. The indomitable courage of the man as well as the skill of the horse, which he sort of himself at Kalamazoo, when only the keenest persuasion on the part of Mr. Jones prevented him from mounting behind Dudie Archdale after her defeat in the opening heat of the stake by Gamara.

Speaking of Dudie Archdale brings to mind that the little black mare with the winning of the M. & M. did something accomplished by no other trotter in the history of harness racing. Within the space of fifteen days she won these \$10,000 stakes, and in all three contests only lost one heat. This is bringing home the coin with a vengeance, and Frank Jones, the Memphis street railway magnate, who paid \$16,000 for the little mare a few weeks ago, promises to realize handsomely on the investment.

Dudie raced first as three year old, two years ago, and gave an inkling of the great form she was later to display by trotting second to Justo in 2:10 1-4. Last year she did not figure on the turf, but during the winter she was sent to Geers, who was in winter quarters at Memphis. She was named in all of the

rich Grand Circuit stakes to which she was eligible and in her early work showed so fast that Jones determined to buy her. This determination became fixed when she worked at Memphis in 2:07 1-4 and when she won an easy race at Terre Haute, he closed the deal. The little mare is the best of the season's new trotters and if too much is not asked of her is liable to go through the season without defeat.

Geers, who has made such an enviable record, and who can hardly boast of a bone in his body that had not been broken, is in his sixtieth year. He has had a career in the sulky stretching over a period of nearly 40 years. His early racing was done in the south and it was he who first was prominent in bringing the Hal family to the front. Back in the late 80's he campaigned through the Grand Circuit with the now famous pacer, Brown Hal, 2:12 1-2, giving him his record to high wheel sulky in a race at Cleveland, the record at that time being the stallion report for pacers. Later Geers campaigned that wonderful horse Hal Pointer, 2:04 1-2, one of the greatest pacers of his day. For several years the "Silent Man" was head trainer for the famous Village Farm near Buffalo, and while there raced and drove to fast records such famous campaigners as Robert J. 2:04, Fantasy, 2:06, world's champion four year old filly The Abbe, 2:03 1-4, one time champion trotter and full brother to the Abbe, winner of this year's C. of C.; The Monk, 2:05 3-4, and many others. Direct Hal, 2:04 1-4, was another fast pacer which he took through the Grand Circuit, the white-faced stallion being retired to the stud without ever having felt the sting of defeat.

Since the passing of Village Farm, Geers has trained a public stable wintering at Memphis and has campaigned such well known harness horses as Highball, 2:03 3-4; The Harvester, 2:04 1-4; Baron Grattan, 2:03 1-4; Shadow Chimes, 2:05, and others.

National Pennant To Chicago; American League Race Still Open

By H. H. Shelton

There is no longer any interest in the pennant race in the National League. Chicago has the flag won, none of the teams in that organization even giving the team an interesting fight.

In the American league the matter is different. As usual, there will be a strong finish. Philadelphia, Boston, New York and Detroit all being in the running. Many figure that Detroit has no chance, but the strong showing recently made by that team, which is now in third place, goes to show that Hughey Jennings may yet land. His veteran pitchers are getting in good shape and some new blood has been added. The

team is putting up a game that is keeping other pennant contenders sitting up at night.

Summer, Willett and Stroud are winning their games regularly for Detroit, and Louell, the Texas recruit, is showing in fine form.

Philadelphia Has Chance. Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics are well in the lead, and while all of the four teams have a chance, that team looks the one best bet of the season now. If he can keep that young infield, Collins, Baker and Barry, on edge, Mack's men will probably hold the lead to the end. If they do the team promises to give the National league winners a run for their money.

Both Boston and New York are playing steady, high class ball and they are not so far behind but that they can climb into the pennant position on short notice. The race made by the Boston team this year has been exceptionally fine. That the team is in the pennant race is due to the heavy batting of Karger and Speaker, Texans, and the good pitching of Karger. These two men have been the sensation of the American league this season.

Detroit has more games to play with the weak western teams than any of the other three and this one fact may decide the pennant in favor of the Tigers.

Games Left for Leaders. The schedule for the four leading American league teams for the balance of the season follows:

Philadelphia. Aug. 22, 23 and 24 with Cleveland at Philadelphia. Aug. 25, 26 and 27 with St. Louis at Philadelphia. Aug. 28, 29 and 31 with Detroit at Philadelphia. Sept. 1, 2 and 3 with Washington at Washington. Sept. 4, 5 and 6 with New York at New York. Sept. 7, 8 and 9 with Boston at Boston. Sept. 10, 12 and 13 with Washington at Philadelphia. Sept. 15, 17 and 18 with Detroit at Detroit. Sept. 19, 20 and 21 with Cleveland at Cleveland. Sept. 22, 24 and 25 with Chicago at Chicago. Sept. 26, 27 and 28 with St. Louis at St. Louis. Sept. 30, Oct. 1, 2, 3 and 4 with Boston at Philadelphia. Oct. 5, 6 and 7 with New York at Philadelphia. Boston. Aug. 22, 23 and 24 with St. Louis at Boston. Aug. 25, 26 and 27 with Cleveland at Boston. Aug. 29, 30 and 31 with Chicago at Boston. Sept. 1, 2 and 3 with New York at New York. Sept. 5 and 6 with Washington at Boston. Sept. 7, 8 and 9 with Philadelphia at

New York Polo Grounds Occasion National Comment

By Sam Crane, Of New York Journal

New York, N. Y., Aug. 20.—The appearance at the Polo grounds just now is causing no end of praise from visiting ball players as well as the fortunate patrons of the historical ball park.

Groundkeeper John Murphy has a national reputation in his own particular line, and fully deserves the name he has of being the best ground keeper in the country. Murphy loves his work. He is a natural landscape gardener and if he had been educated in the art he would possibly have made a bigger reputation that he now enjoys. He is in demand all over the National and American league circuits, and also by college managements who want their baseball diamonds and football grid-irons put in as perfect condition as human handiwork can make them.

The Polo Grounds are justly celebrated. To one who has visited the grass burned fields of the ball parks in the west to see the Giants' home grounds in their present magnificent condition is a revelation. One wonders how Murphy keeps his field in such green shape. The grass looks as green as if it was early spring. The turf is as close and firm and smooth as the best cricket fields of England, the country

that is famous for its well kept lawns. "How does Murphy do it?" is the question asked by visiting players. He knows how. He loves his work and is tireless in his caretaking. He takes pride in his hobby for the Polo Grounds is his hobby, and he is never away from its care. He is constantly studying new features and when the Giants are away on the road he never rests. He is busier then than when the team is at home.

Murphy's most striking effort this season was in covering the grass-bar spaces back of the diamond with layers of black dirt almost ink in color, and not only does that furnish a pleasant color comparison with the rest of the diamond, but it allows no dust even on the windiest of days. What the new layer of top soil is Murphy refuses to divulge. It is a secret of his own.

Frank Chance, of the Cubs, was so favorably impressed with the new soil substance that he has ordered two carloads of it from Murphy to be sent to the Chicago ball grounds. The Polo Grounds are the model baseball grounds of the country and are so highly regarded by every player who has been fortunate enough to play on them. They are an artistic dream.

Five Teams After the Flag In the Texas League Race

By H. H. Shelton

With a little more than two weeks to play there are five Texas teams in the pennant race, a condition unprecedented in this league and almost unknown in any league. During the entire season ball and after the first three weeks was not considered in the pennant race. Many doubted that the team would finish in the first division. For the past six weeks the Panthers got together in fine shape and with Morris as a leader climbed steadily to the front until it looked as if the pennant was clinched. Then came dissension in the ranks and this will probably result in the loss of a pennant which looked to be fairly earned.

Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and Shreveport are all so closely bunched that any of the five may win out in the next ten days. That a second division team had a chance at this late date in the season to head the list shows how evenly divided the teams have been.

There have been many surprises in the league race. At the beginning of the season it was predicted that the race lay between Dallas, Houston and Fort Worth. This prediction is still a good one, with the chance right now favoring Dallas.

Dallas got off well, but for nearly a month the team slumped so badly that it was fighting with Waco for the cellar championship. Fans were disgusted and everyone had a hammer out for Manager Maloney. The team suddenly got together and made a spurt. Since that time it has been steadily climbing until it has been perched on the top rung of the ladder more often than any other place of late.

Houston has been playing marvelous ball all the season, handicaps considered. Hard luck has followed the aggregation from the first. Hunter Hill has a team made up largely of cast offs and yet he has been able to make good way against any of the other teams. It is seldom that a pennant winner repeats and Houston will probably not do so this year. With his material Hill has

done more than any manager in the league. Fort Worth has really been the big surprise. For fully two-thirds of the season the team played only indifferent ball and after the first three weeks was not considered in the pennant race. Many doubted that the team would finish in the first division. For the past six weeks the Panthers got together in fine shape and with Morris as a leader climbed steadily to the front until it looked as if the pennant was clinched. Then came dissension in the ranks and this will probably result in the loss of a pennant which looked to be fairly earned.

Shreveport Has a Chance. Shreveport, from near the bottom, has forged its way until it is only a few games behind the leaders. So well is the team playing that a streak of luck would enable the Louisiana town to claim the buntings.

San Antonio has been a first division team almost from the start. While doing nothing brilliant, the team has been playing steady, consistent ball. For some reason the aggregation was unable to get on the top of the heap. There is hardly any hope that the Bronchos will be a pennant winner, yet the team is strong enough to make trouble for all of the leaders. The pitching staff has been particularly effective.

Galveston, which made such a good showing early in the season, has not done much for many weeks. When the hot weather hit the imported talent they began to wilt and there has been almost a complete change in lineup since July 1. Waco, which is composed mainly of

Schulte A Noted Fielder

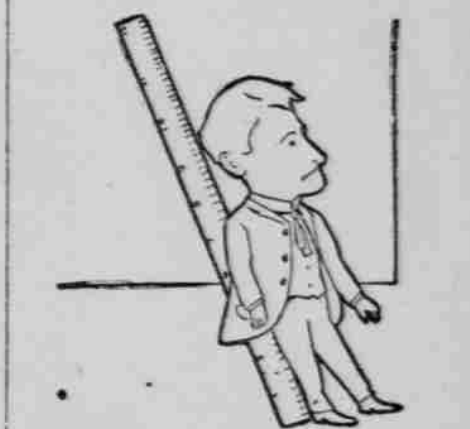


Right fielder Schulte of the Cubs, who has been doing sensational work lately in the series of games with New York. Some of his catches of Giants' hits were nothing short of phenomenal. His ability is most displayed in so stationing himself that regardless of who hits the ball, he seldom has to move but a very few feet in his section to land the sphere.

New York. Oct. 5, 6 and 7 with Philadelphia at Philadelphia. Oct. 8, two games with Boston at New York.

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